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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Examiner's Office Action of August 12, 2005 has been received and carefully considered. Prior to this amendment, claims 1-25, 46-52 and 64-67 were pending in the application. By this amendment, claims 1, 7, 9, 12 and 13 are amended, claims 3, 5, 8, 10, 11, 24 and 64-67 are canceled, and claims 73-78 are added. Thus, claims 1, 2, 4, 6, 7, 9, 12-23, 25, 46-52, and 73-78 are now pending in the application.

Applicant gratefully acknowledges the Examiner's indication that claims 46-52 are allowed, and that claims 3, 4, 6, 8-11 and 14-25 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claim.

Claim 1 is herein amended to incorporate the allowable subject matter of claim 8, and to conform the language of claim 1 and claim 8. In view of this amendment, claim 8 is canceled. Claim 9, formerly dependent on claim 8, is amended to depend from claim 1. Minor amendments are made to claims 7, 12, and 13 to conform the language of these claims with amended claim 1.

New independent claim 73 is directed to the subject matter of former independent claim 1 and the allowable subject matter of claim 3. New claim 74 includes the limitation of claim 24. Claims 3 and 24 are herein canceled in view of these new claims. New claim 75 depends from claim 73, and is directed to the subject matter of allowable claim 4. New claim 76 is directed to the subject matter of allowable claim 5. Claim 5 is herein canceled in view of this new claim.

New independent claim 77 is directed to the subject matter of former independent claim 1 and the allowable subject matter of claim 10. New claim 78 depends from claim 77 and is directed to the allowable subject matter of claim 11. In view of this new claims, claims 10 and 11 are currently canceled.

Claims 64-67 are currently canceled, without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicant reserves the right to pursue these claims in a continuation application.

Claims 1-2, 5, 7, 12-13 and 64-67 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Patel et al. or Bunce et al. Applicant respectfully submits that the amendment of claim 1 to incorporate the allowable subject matter of claim 8, and the cancellation of claim 64-67 renders the rejection of these claims moot.

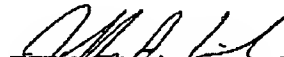
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For the foregoing reasons, Applicant believes that the application is now in condition for allowance. An early Notice of Allowance is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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